



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Joachim BUENGER et al. : Group Art Unit.: 1616  
Serial No.: 10/620,812 : Examiner: Marina Lamm  
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Title: ECTOIN OR ECTOIN DERIVATIVES AND SURFACTANTS

**REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 7, 2006, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.